Commercial production in this mine started in January, 1987. The actual production in 1989 was 2.04 million tonnes.

Payment of Bonus to the Central Government Employees

3489. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to pay Bonus to the Central Government employees for the year 1989-90 is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision thereon is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Confirmed Demands of Central Excise pending against M/s. ITC Ltd.

3490. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the following confirmed demands pertaining to Central excise are pending against M/s. ITC Ltd., at present :—

(i) Rs. 143.22 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ii) Rs. 23.20 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta.

(iii) Rs. 41.50 crores by Collector, Excise, Bombay.

(iv) Rs. 26.43 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Meerut

(v) Rs. 0.47 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta

(vi) Rs. 80.30 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur.

(vii) Rs. 27.58 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(viii) Rs. 2.40 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ix) Rs. 2.51 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Patna; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken/is being taken on each of the above mentioned confirmed demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of the demands mentioned only four are confirmed demands. A statement showing the details and action taken/being taken on each of these confirmed demands is enclosed. (*see* below).

Statement

S. No	Amount of Confirmed Demand	Collectorate of Central Excise	Action taken/being taken
1	2	3	4
	(Rs. in crores)		
1.	27.58	Bangalore	The recovery has been stayed by Madras High Court. Action has been taken to move the Court for early hearing and the Advocate General of Tamil Nadu has been engaged for defending the case.
2.	2.40	Bangalore	The case is pending before CEGAT. Special counsel has been engaged to defend the case.
3.	2.51	Patna	On account of requantification of differential duty in the light of adjudication order passed by DGI, C & CE, New Delhi the demand for differential duty was raised to Rs. 8.29